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NOTICE

The Joint Council of Unions GPO held a special meeting yesterday to further discuss and exchange information on the furlough matter.

Discussions focused on the money problems that the Public Printer has painted as an emergency situation for the GPO. However, it was reported that GPO has more than \$102 million in retained earnings in the revolving fund. Also, \$65 to \$70 million remains in FY82 appropriations which ends October 1, 1982. This information was supplied by the House Appropriations Sub-Committee.

Other information supplied by reliable congressional sources tell us that if the Public Printer had not cancelled the March 1st price increase, that GPO could have earned \$10 million more by the end of the year. This of course is double the present short fall which resulted, in my opinion, because of a 1979 price structure and cut-off of overtime. If the price increase were to be reinstituted by May 1st, \$8 million could be earned by the end of the year.

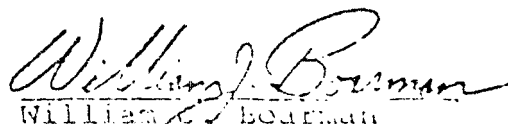
Therefore, you can understand why the union is resisting the furlough program. Added to the above figures is the fact that GPO purchased some property this year at a cost of \$8.8 million, equipment at \$6 million, spent more than \$200,000 on renovation and added at least 15 schedule C positions to the payroll.

~~Now~~ we are told that the furlough is only going to be one day a month rather than two days a month but it will effect 100% of workforce rather than 50%. While I must admit that it is a fairer way to spread the sacrifice, I still think it is totally unnecessary in light of the kind of money available.

This is not the first time GPO has been faced with a revenue shortage. In fact, ten years ago (1972) GPO had a \$10 million shortage. Furloughs were not considered instead management and labor agreed to raise the prices by surcharge, increase productivity and bring back more agency work. Seems to me what was good for 1972 ought to be good for 1982.

Each and every council union is working to see that these facts are presented to the proper congressional sources. Your officers will be in the forefront of this effort and as more information is made available, it will be passed on to you. Don't be affraid of letting your Congressmen and Senators know how you feel about this, they want to know.

Fraternally,


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